

## Truth & Justice

**Exodus 32:1.** When the people saw that Moshe was taking a long time to come down from the mountain, they gathered around Aharon and said to him, "Get busy; and make us gods to go ahead of us; because this Moshe, the man that brought us up from the land of Egypt - we don't know what has become of him."

**Adultery, Rebellion, and Gossip! Moshe was on Mt Sinai while receiving the Divine Oracle, Adonai's Mitzvahs, commands, and instruction. God was revealing His plan for a blessed and covenant life to Moshe. Adonai was extremely specific, He ordered in:**

**Exodus 23:1-2.** "You are not to repeat false rumors; do not join hands with the wicked by offering perjured testimony. <sup>2</sup> Do not follow the crowd when it does what is wrong; and don't allow the popular view to sway you into offering testimony for any cause if the effect will be to pervert justice.

**Despite this very specific warning here, Israel committed adultery, grumbled, slandered, and gave false testimony regarding Moshe which then moved into open rebellion. The people's words are partially true, but a partial truth is a lie. So much of what is going on here is not recorded or mentioned. Anarchy breaks out, people are rebelling against Moshe and his brother Aharon. They are being manipulated by a Controlling Spirit. The enemy has crept in (he's crouching at the door ready to pounce), seeded the lie and doubt and many have picked it up and ran with it. "Get busy; and make us gods to go ahead of us; because this Moshe, the man that brought us up from the land of Egypt - we don't know what has become of him.". A complete farce! Moshe had been up on the mountain, had come back down and relayed to all the people everything Adonai has said and they replied in:**

**Exodus 24:3.** Moshe came and told the people everything ADONAI had said, including all the rulings. The people answered with one voice: "We will obey every word ADONAI has spoken."

**Then Moshe went back up with seventy leaders of Israel who saw Gods glory and dined in His presence. Moshe was given instructions for building the Mishkan, the Tabernacle and how the High priest was to minister unto Him. All the people saw Moshe and the seventy go up the mountain. They all saw the glory cloud, the fire swirling around the mountain and they all heard the rumbling thunder! Yet this rebellion ended with a golden calf (idolatry) which was the very first and second command God gave them:**

**Exodus 20:1-6.** Then God said all these words: <sup>2</sup> "I am ADONAI your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You are to have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below

the shoreline. <sup>5</sup> You are not to bow down to them or serve them; for I, ADONAI your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but displaying grace to the thousandth generation of those who love me and obey my mitzvot.

**This turned out to be a very costly, and deadly mistake. The irony is not everyone acted this way, but it brought shame and judgment upon the entire nation. In verse 10 of Ex 32 God stated He's going to destroy them all! Moshe instead pleads with God for their lives, his intervention with God saved the nation. Moshe shattered the stone tablets at the base of the Mountain upon His return to camp. He took the golden calf, burned it and ground it to powder, then scattered it on the water and made the people drink it. "He stood at the entrance to the camp and said, 'Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.' And all the Levites rallied to him."**

**He commanded those who were with him to go among the people and kill those who had been unfaithful. Three thousand lost their lives that day. The next day Moshe told the people they committed a grave sin and went before the Lord:**

**Exodus 32:31-35.** Moshe went back to ADONAI and said, "Please! These people have committed a terrible sin: they have made themselves a god out of gold. <sup>32</sup> Now, if you will just forgive their sin! But if you won't, then, I beg you, blot me out of your book which you have written!" <sup>33</sup> ADONAI answered Moshe, "Those who have sinned against me are the ones I will blot out of my book. <sup>34</sup> Now go and lead the people to the place I told you about; my angel will go ahead of you. Nevertheless, the time for punishment will come; and then I will punish them for their sin." <sup>35</sup> ADONAI struck the people with a plague because they had made the calf, the one Aharon made.

**Israel was forgiven but there are consequences for disobedience. Your choices and actions are always forgivable, but they always have consequences. A great plague fell on the people and even more died. Through this moral failure and tragedy Israel learned the importance of reasonability and communal accountability regarding their choices, actions, and behavior! They began to learn the importance of obedience to God!**

**Most people, especially those within the body of Messiah, don't realize that when they disobey and then repent, there is forgiveness in Yeshua but consequences still follow. King David and the married Bathsheba had an affair and David arraigned for her husband Uriah to be killed in battle. When confronted by Nathan the Prophet of God David repented yet they lost their firstborn son because of their sin. (II Samuel 12:1-19). You could rob a bank, Repent and ask Yeshua for forgiveness, and even if you give the money back, you're going to jail for a time and a season. Choices and actions have consequences.**

**As a nation we're at an all-time record high regarding immorality, deceit, slander, gossip, divisiveness, and anarchy. Peaceful demonstration, standing for**

**what one believes to be right and just is good. Rioting, anarchy, shooting police, destroying, looting, and burning down both private and public property is not of God. This is further fueled by sensationalism in the press which no longer reports news. Do you know there is a journalist creed? The Journalist's Creed is a personal affirmation of journalism ethics written by Walter Williams in 1914. The creed has been published in more than 100 languages, and a bronze plaque of The Journalist's Creed hangs at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. . Here are a few of the tenants:**

### **The Journalist's Creed**

I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true.

I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocketbook is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that the supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds best — and best deserves success — fears God and honors Man; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power, constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance and, as far as law and honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship; is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world.

**This isn't what we're getting by any of the news services, either cable, printed, or mainstream media. Well over 90% of the news we read is op-ed, "opinion editorial", biased, opinionated editorial that's presented as Factual News. If the News would just report Facts and let us, the reader or listener formulate our own opinion we would be a much different place as a nation. I'm not opposed to free press, we wouldn't be a Republic, a free society without it. I'm against the bias of op-ed being presented as "News". Why am I at this point, what does this have to do with Torah?**

**Deuteronomy 16:19-20.** You are not to distort justice or show favoritism, and you are not to accept a bribe, for a gift blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of even the upright. <sup>20</sup> Justice, only justice, you must pursue; so that you will live and inherit the land ADONAI your God is giving you

**To inherit and keep our land injustice, falsehood, slander, gossip, and anarchy must stop. And whatever fuels it must also be held accountable. From the mob mentality after a police shooting, regardless of the facts, to the falsehood of America is a racist country, to cultural titles that breed division and separation with our nation we must move into, walk in, and live according to Truth and Justice. We are not African Americans, Irish Americans, Japanese Americans, Jewish Americans, Mexican Americans, black Americans or white Americans. When you legally immigrate to America as my own grandparents did and do what's necessary to become a U.S. Citizen you're an American. Your kids are American, your grandchildren are Americans. If you have a dream and work hard in the country nothing can stop you or keep you from being successful. When chaos is the rule it is not of God**

**I Corinthians 14:33 (TLV).** for God is not a God of confusion, but shalom. As in all the communities of the kedoshim,

**Today America is plagued by a deceiving spirit of entitlement. I've shared this before. As a human being on this earth, you're not promised or guaranteed anything. You're not owed anything! Contrary to either what you've been taught or picked up along the way of life you don't deserve anything. You don't have to right to take, steal, or loot something that isn't yours. Wi fi, Facebook, and cell phones are not an inalienable right!**

**This takes us back to Moshe! This same event happens again and again as the grumblers, slanderers, gossipers, and disgruntled in the camp habitually accuse Moses of various shortcomings and faults and brought Israel into the desert to die, that Moshe thought he was better than them (Korach, and Moshe's own brother and sister!!!!).**

**When fundamental biblical principles, commands, and mitzvah are ignored or set aside, regardless of the situation, a door is opened for the enemy, the Accuser, HaSatan to enter. How do you know the accuser is present? Yeshua said: You'll know them by their fruit-Mat.7:16. When that fruit is: Fault-finding, fleshly criticisms, judging, slander, gossip, character assassination, haughtiness, pride, disobedience, self-loving, brutal, hateful of good, un-appeasement, sin is present and God is not. The Ruach HaKodesh is restricted and the power of God will be minimal.**

**For those who would say America is a racist nation of hate I would refer to the some 700,000 casualties of the civil war who fought to end the scourge and sin of slavery! More casualties then all of our other war casualties combined! Is**

**America a perfect country? No, does it seek justice? Yes! Travel to another country in the world and you'll soon know why this Republic is the most blessed in the world right now! President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated before his reconstruction plan could be put in place which is why it took another 100 years to seek justice for the former slaves. Had he not prematurely died I believe things would have been different. Lincoln made a few, what I believe to be prophetic statements:**

Whenever the vicious portion of [our] population shall be permitted to gather in bands of hundreds and thousands, and burn churches, ravage and rob provision stores, throw printing-presses into rivers, shoot editors, and hang and burn obnoxious persons at pleasure and with impunity, depend upon it, this government cannot last. By such things the feelings of the best citizens will become more or less alienated from it, and thus it will be left without friends, or with too few, and those few too weak to make their friendship effectual.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, address to the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois, January 27, 1838. Lincoln also said:

Let us discard all this quibbling about this man and the other man, this race and that race and the other race being inferior and therefore they must be placed in an inferior position. Let us discard all these things, and unite as one people throughout this land, until we shall once more stand up declaring that all men are created equal.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, speech to Chicago Abolitionists, July 10, 1858

**Yeshua said that in the end "People will fight each other", ethnos vs ethnos in the Greek. Ethnic fighting, black & white, Jew and Gentile etc. America and the Body of Messiah is suffering a radically increased level of discontent, criticism and outright slander. God has not called us to be divisive, to criticize, or engage in ethnic warfare, He's called us to be Echad, one in Yeshua! Satan wants to divide and destroy, God wants to redeem and unify! We must choose to stand with the Lord and not society and the world. Reconciliation is a mandate for us a children of God.**

**II Corinthians 5:18-19.** And it is all from God, who through the Messiah has reconciled us to himself and has given us the work of that reconciliation **(katallage {kat-al-lag-ay'}: reconciliation, restoration to favor, to change mutually, to transform),** <sup>19</sup> which is that God in the Messiah was reconciling mankind to himself, not counting their sins against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

**We've been entrusted with both the work and message of reconciliation! We're not to be exclusively Jewish, exclusively Gentile, exclusively First Nation, exclusively Black, exclusively White, exclusively Hispanic, exclusively Asian, or any other exclusive grouping.**

**Ephesians 4:24-25.** and clothe yourselves with the new nature created to be godly, which expresses itself in the righteousness and holiness that flow from the truth. <sup>25</sup> Therefore, stripping off falsehood, let everyone speak truth with his neighbor, because we are intimately related to each other as parts of a body.

**We are to cloth ourselves with the New Nature to be godly which results in righteous, holy behavior that speaks truth. These are the foundations of Justice and truth. The tenants of the Kingdom**

**Psalms 89:15-18.** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; grace and truth attend you. <sup>16</sup> How happy are the people who know the joyful shout! They walk in the light of your presence, ADONAI. <sup>17</sup> They rejoice in your name all day and are lifted up by your righteousness, <sup>18</sup> for you yourself are the strength in which they glory. Our power grows by pleasing you,

**Righteousness, Justice and Truth are the foundations of Gods throne! The last verse- “Our power grows by pleasing you”. What a profound covenant statement! This is the very core principle of being Messianic. Obedience to Adonai! Obeying Him, His word, His Son Yeshua, the Ruach HaKodesh the Holy Spirit! Every religious teacher will espouse the counterfeit grace theology and preach that the Old Testament is done away with, nailed to the cross. Happy are all who know the joyful shout in obeying Adonai and His word. My walk with Him is one of submission and obedience. Not because I have to, but because I want to! I know it pleases Him! OUR POWER GROWS BY PLEASING HIM!!! This is truth and justice!**

**That’s where many believers find themselves today. Many have been taught about our authority in Yeshua, but we’re often left wondering why we’re not seeing the miraculous power of Adonai in action. Authority gives us the right to operate, but the Dunamis is the fuel that propels us forward.**

**We must go beyond our understanding and step into a lifestyle that activates and releases an increase of God’s power. As Sha’ul wrote in:**

**Ephesians 6:10.** Finally, grow powerful in union with the Lord, in union with his mighty strength!

**We are called to not just possess strength but to embody it, allowing God’s strength to flow through us visibly. In summary, truth and justice are intertwined in the biblical narrative, both rooted in the character of Adonai and manifests in the life and teachings of Yeshua. They are foundational to walk with God, guiding us in our relationship with Him and with each another. Truth and justice are integral to our biblical worldview. They guide believers in their moral and ethical conduct, encouraging them to pursue righteousness and integrity in every aspect of life.**